

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
MIDDLE DISTRICT OF TENNESSEE
NORTHEASTERN DIVISION

GREGORY ALLEN BATES)	
)	
v.)	Civil Case No. 2:14-0009
)	Judge Sharp/Knowles
W.B. MELTON, et al.)	

SCHEDULING ORDER

Pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 16(b), all pretrial preparation in this action shall take place according to the following schedule.

I. GENERAL COURT RULES AND PROCEDURES

Any filing made with the Court must comply with Rule 5 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, which requires that a copy of any filing made with the Court be sent to the opposing party or their counsel and that the filing contain a certification stating that a copy has been sent, to whom, at what address, and on what date. Any filing which does not comply with this requirement will be returned and/or stricken from the record.

Each party is responsible for making and obtaining copies of any documents or filings they send to the Court. It is not the Court's responsibility to provide free copies of any documents to the parties. If a party desires to obtain a copy of a document in the official court file, the party should contact the clerk's office, with the docket entry number of the document if possible, about obtaining copies. The cost of copying is .50¢

per page.

Each party is required to keep both the Court and the opposing party or their counsel informed of their current address. A plaintiff's failure to keep the Court informed of his/her current address may result in a recommendation that his action be dismissed for failure to prosecute and for failure to comply with the Court's order.

II. PRETRIAL DEADLINES

Amendment of Pleadings

The parties shall have until May 30, 2014, to move to amend the pleadings.

Discovery

All discovery shall be completed by September 30, 2014. By this, the Court means that all written discovery should be served far enough before the discovery completion date, i.e. at least thirty days prior to the discovery completion deadline, so that responses or objections to any written discovery can be made prior to the completion deadline. For example, serving written discovery upon an opposing party a few days prior to the discovery completion deadline does not comply with this scheduling order and may result in discovery being denied to the requesting party.

Any party seeking to serve written discovery upon another party which would result in responses being served after the discovery completion deadline must obtain leave of the Court to

serve untimely discovery requests.

Written discovery should be sent to the opposing party and should not be filed with the Court, nor should a copy of the written discovery be sent to the Court unless it is sent as an attachment to a discovery motion. A Court order is not required for a party to engage in discovery and discovery in this action is not stayed upon the filing of any motion unless specifically ordered by the Court.

Discovery Motions

All discovery motions must be filed October 14, 2014. All discovery motions must comply with the applicable requirements contained in Rule 37 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, Rule 37.01 of the Local Rules of Court, or any other relevant Federal Rule of Civil Procedure.

Dispositive Motions

All dispositive motions to dismiss and for summary judgment shall be filed by October 30, 2014. Responses to any dispositive motions shall be filed within thirty (30) days of the filing of the motion. Plaintiff is forewarned that dispositive motions must be responded to within thirty (30) days unless an extension is granted by the Court, and that failure to respond to the motion and to statements of facts may result in the Court taking the facts alleged in the matter as true and granting the relief requested. In responding, plaintiff may not just rely on the complaint. Plaintiff must show there is a material dispute

of fact with citation to the record, affidavits or other matter of evidence. Plaintiff should read and comply with Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 56 and Local Rule 56.01.


Other Motions

Any other motions (other than in limine or related to trial matters) must be filed by October 30, 2014.

Trial Date

The Magistrate Judge suggests a target trial date in this action of March 31, 2015. A jury demand has been made by the plaintiff in this case.

SO ORDERED.



E. CLIFTON KNOWLES
United States Magistrate Judge